



**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD  
7506 E. INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ  
JUNE 19, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Daniel Basinger, Chair  
Don Manthe, Vice-Chair  
Bodo Diehn  
Randy Nussbaum  
Lynn Ashby  
Michael Brady

**STAFF:** Larry Person  
Connie Padian  
Anthony Floyd

**ALSO  
PRESENT:** Rick Pence

(Prior to the meeting being called to order the Board members present viewed the PSA spots that were filmed regarding water conservation tips.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Basinger at 5:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

Chairman Basinger reported that Ann Jack resigned effective the last meeting.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**May 15, 2002**

Boardmember Diehn requested a correction to the May 15, 2002 minutes. He stated the minutes reflect that he resigned. He would like the minutes to reflect that he finished his term.

BOARDMEMBER MANTHE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 15, 2002 MINUTES AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY BOARDMEMBER ASHBY AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **City Compost Program**

Rich Pence presented the Board with an overview of the solid waste division. He discussed their operating budget and revenue sources. He reported their division serves both residential and commercial. He presented an overview of their administrative staff and their scope of work. He also presented information on the transfer collection program.

Mr. Pence stated their department sent out a survey and 95 percent of the citizens like the service they receive. He further stated they avoided a half million dollars in tipping fees thanks to the citizens recycling program.

Mr. Pence reviewed the history of the solid waste division. He also reviewed some of their goals and priorities.

Mr. Pence presented information on how they map out the truck routes for collection.

Boardmember Manthe inquired if only having a once a week trash pickup for the non-recyclable items is a problem. Mr. Pence replied it has not been a problem. The bag and tie program has helped. The other thing that helps is that they pickup on holidays and they never skip a collection day.

Mr. Pence reported they are in the midst of doing research on a green waste program. He presented information on Mesa's green waste program. He further reported they have gotten together with the Salt River Indian Community and worked out a pilot program. Their idea behind the program is that separate out the green waste. They just started this program on March 18<sup>th</sup>. It is too early to finalize the results of the program.

Chairman Basinger inquired if they have seen savings. Mr. Pence replied they have not seen savings but their goal is to break even. Boardmember Ashby stated she felt any program that keeps waste out of the landfills is a good thing.

Chairman Basinger stated this Board has an interest in composting and making sure that the landfills are properly utilized and he would support this program.

Chairman Basinger inquired if there was a type of vehicle that could split the load and pick of green waste on one side. Mr. Pence stated that has been tried in other areas but the problem is with the productivity rate, which would cause them to have to raise their rates.

Mr. Person inquired when the next hazardous waste pickup date would be. Mr. Pence stated most likely be on the first Saturday of November but he would keep them posted.

Chairman Basinger stated he appreciated knowing how well the program was going with the Salt River Indian Community. He inquired if there was any way the Board could offer their assistance.

Chairman Basinger requested they arrange for a tour of the landfill.

### **Budget – New Initiatives**

Ms. Padian reported City Council just approved the final budget. She further reported staff is starting next fiscal year's budget. She reviewed the internal process for preparing the budget. She remarked the program budget is based on City Council goals. She also remarked their revenues support other departments.

Ms. Padian stated the Board has expressed interest in new initiatives. She further stated the Board would need to identify opportunities they could assist with and help with research.

Ms. Padian stated one program they could give assistance with is the program that is looking to revitalize homes from a design standpoint. She further stated college architect students would be working on this project over the summer.

Chairman Basinger stated the Board could appoint a subcommittee to look at possible initiatives. He inquired what are the chances that City Council would have any interest in devoting substantial money on environmental issues in light of the budget cuts. Ms. Padian remarked that is a valid question. She further remarked the kind of programs she felt the Board would want to look at would be programs that had minimal cost but would have an impact. She added she would suggest the Board pick something that the common citizen can relate to.

Boardmember Ashby stated the Board should put their backing behind departments and groups that have an idea that works. Chairman Basinger remarked that there are all kinds of projects that need research that the Board could assist with. Ms. Padian stated there are departments such as sanitation that do not have Boards and citizen support that could use assistance. She further stated the key is to be creative in their approach.

### **Green Building Committee Appointments**

Mr. Floyd presented a brief overview of the Green Building program. He reported this program was approved by the Environmental Quality Advisory Board two years ago. He remarked Scottsdale has the only program in the Valley.

Mr. Floyd stated the Green Building subcommittee needs several new appointments confirmed by the Board. He reviewed the backgrounds of the applicants.

Chairman Basinger stated it is his belief that because this is a subcommittee of this Board one of the Board members should serve as chair of the subcommittee. He further stated he would attend the meetings until they can find someone to take over.

Boardmember Ashby commented it appears the subcommittee has been doing a good job and maybe the Board's attendance would only be needed on a quarterly basis. Chairman Basinger reiterated he felt the Board should be represented on the subcommittee.

Boardmember Diehn noted there are 13 applications and the Board needs to appoint 12 members to the subcommittee. A discussion ensued regarding the application that would not be selected. The consensus of the Board was that the Southwest Gas representative would not be appointed to the subcommittee.

BOARDMEMBER MANTHE MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THE SOUTHWEST GAS REPRESENTATIVE. SECONDED BY BOARDMEMBER ASHBY AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Basinger stated he felt the subcommittee members should adhere to the same attendance requirements that the Board adheres to. Mr. Floyd stated the subcommittee would need to formalize their requirements. Ms. Padian stated another option would be for the Board to formalize By-laws for their subcommittees.

Mr. Floyd noted that he has been serving as chair of the subcommittee.

Chairman Basinger stated he would attend and chair the next meeting. He further stated he would report to the Board regarding what he felt should happen.

Ms. Padian stated she would recommend that a staff person not chair the subcommittee.

Chairman Basinger reported the subcommittee meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Mr. Floyd presented information on the Green Building Expo. The Expo will be held Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5, 2002 at the Phoenix City Hall Atrium and Lobby. He reported this year's event would feature: Showcase of green building products, demonstrations of green building products, and other related activities.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Electric drops**

Chairman Basinger reported this item would be continued to the next meeting.

BOARDMEMBER MANTHE MOVED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION ON ELECTRIC DROPS TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. SECONDED BY BOARDMEMBER ASHBY AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Board Vacancies**

Chairman Basinger reported the Mayor and City Council have appointed two new Board members Michael Mulroy and Henry Rampelt.

Chairman Basinger stated the Board would like to honor the two departing Board members. He thanked Boardmember Diehn for his service on the Board and presented him with two books in appreciation. He further stated they also have a book for Ann Jack.

## **UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

Chairman Basinger reported that they have the official bus signs. He thanked Boardmember Ashby for spearheading that project.

Chairman Basinger stated the Board's meeting time is changing from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Basinger inquired if any of the Board members were interested in filming PSA spots with Eco Gecko. Board members Nussbaum and Manthe volunteer.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the regular meeting of the Scottsdale Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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